



## Texas Military Department

# DIRECTIVE

**Number 5210.01**  
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NGTX-RMP

SUBJECT: Privately Owned Firearms

Reference: See enclosure

1. PURPOSE. To ensure the safety of all personnel and members of the public, who work at, or use Texas Military Department (TMD) facilities and establish policy with regard to Personally Owned Firearms (POFs). This directive supersedes policy memorandum JFTX P15-08 Privately Owned Firearms, dated 1 December 2015.
2. APPLICABILITY AND SCOPE. This issuance applies to TMD employees, civilian visitors, contractors, and service members of all other military service components while on any TMD installation or facility.
3. POLICY.
  - a. Pursuant to Texas Government Code, Chapter 411, Subchapter H, anyone issued a handgun license recognized and valid in the State of Texas may possess a handgun on their person or in a properly secured vehicle while on TMD installations or facilities. This authorization encompasses all buildings and property under the control of the TMD.
  - b. This directive does not, under any circumstance, grant further authority to handgun license holders beyond the conditions contained within state law. This directive does not apply or authorize the carry of POFs on federally owned, operated, or controlled property including Armed Forces Readiness Centers controlled by the U.S. Army Reserves.
  - c. Recognized law enforcement authorities who routinely carry an authorized job-related weapon as part of their assigned duties are permitted to carry their weapons onto TMD installations and facilities when in the execution of their official duties. Off-duty law enforcement authorities are allowed to carry their weapon consistent with their departmental policies.

4. DEFINITIONS. NA

5. RESPONSIBILITIES. .For safety and security purposes, the following are responsibilities regarding POFs on all TMD installations and facilities:

a. The handgun must remain on your person or properly secured. All requirements stipulated by Texas Government Code, Chapter 411, Subchapter H must be followed.

b. TMD members are not permitted to carry a POF when they are also carrying a military issued weapon or while on field training exercises.

c. Military service members will adhere to uniform standards which prohibit the open carry of POFs while in uniform.

d. Individuals who carry POFs will be held personally liable for any negligent and wrongful acts including bodily injury, property damage, and other losses, liabilities, costs and expenses.


6. INFORMATION REQUIREMENTS. Supports state and federal law.

7. RELEASABILITY. Unlimited.

8. EFFECTIVE DATE. This directive is effective immediately and will expire two years from the date of publication unless sooner rescinded or superseded.

9. POINT OF CONTACT. J3/4 Anti-Terrorism Force Protection at (512) 782-5172.

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**Enclosure 1**

**References:**

Texas Penal Code, Section 46.035.

Texas Government Code, Section 437.054.

Texas Government Code, Chapter 411, Subchapter H.

AR 190-11, Physical Security of Arms, Ammunition and Explosives, dated 15 November 2006.

AR 525-13, Antiterrorism, dated 11 September 2008.

AR 190-13, The Army Physical Security Program, dated 25 February 2011.

AR 190-56, The Army Civilian Police and Security Guard Program, 15 March 2013.

AFGM to AFI 10-245, Antiterrorism, dated 2 August 2011.

AFI 31-101, and ANG Supplement 1, the Air Force Installation Security Program, 1 March 2004.

AFI 31-117, Arming and Use of Force by Air Force Personnel, dated 17 March 2015.